

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A mini-fan (26; 126) for installation in a recess (24; 124) of a wall (22; 122), which wall is equipped on the periphery of the recess (24; 124) with a plurality of retaining members (28; 128, 129), said fan comprising, for air guidance, a housing (36; 136) that, in ~~its~~ an installed position, projects with a housing portion (127) approximately complementary to the recess (24; 124) of the wall (22; 122) into the recess (24; 124) of the wall (22; 122),

the mini-fan ~~comprising~~ having at least one part (38; 138) arranged on the periphery of that housing portion and made of an elastomeric material, with which part the fan (26; 126) is introducible, upon its installation with displacement along the wall (22; 122), into the retaining members (28; 128, 129) ~~(FIG. 14; 158)~~, in order to bring ~~that~~ the elastomeric part (38; 138), in the installed position, at least locally into sealing contact against the wall (22; 122).

2. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 1, wherein

the part (38; 138) made of elastomeric material is elastically deformable in the context of ~~the motion (FIG. 14; 158)~~ said displacement occurring along the wall (22; 122), in order to store in it energy with which the housing portion is movable, in its installed position, into the recess (24; 124) of the wall.

3. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 1, ~~or 2,~~

wherein the part made of elastomeric material is ~~implemented approximately in the manner of an~~ shaped like an O-ring (38), and is attached to the periphery of the fan housing (36).

4. (Original) The mini-fan according to claim 3,
wherein the part (38) made of elastomeric material is
mounted in a groove on the periphery of the fan housing (36).

5. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 1,
~~or 2,~~

wherein the fan housing (136) is equipped on its periphery
with a flange-like protrusion (137), and that flange-like
protrusion (137) is equipped at least locally with a covering
(138) made of elastomeric material.

6. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 5,
wherein the covering (138) made of elastomeric material is
~~implemented so configured that,~~ with the fan in the installed
state, ~~that~~ said covering is at least locally in sealing contact
against the wall (122).

7. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 1,
~~any of the preceding claims,~~ which is ~~implemented for mounting~~
shaped for engagement in a recess (24; 124) on whose periphery
are provided radially deflecting retaining members (28) for the
fan.

8. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 1,
~~any of the preceding claims,~~ which is implemented for
installation on a wall in which at least some of the retaining
members (128) on the side on which the fan (126) is introduced
during installation have an enlarged introduction opening (131).

9. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to ~~any of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a portion of the fan
(26; 126) ~~that~~ protrudes into the recess (24; 124) of the wall
after installation of said fan into said recess, and said
protruding portion is implemented substantially complementarily
to the shape of that recess (24; 124).

10. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 1, further comprising any of the preceding claims,
wherein a strain-relief member (174) ~~that is implemented for~~
which provides strain relief ~~of~~ for an electrical connecting
cable (166) of the fan (26; 126), and said strain-relief member
is coupled ~~is joined~~ to the part made of elastomeric material.

11. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 10,
wherein the strain-relief member (174) is directly joined to
the part (138) made of elastomeric material.

12. (Currently Amended) The mini-fan according to claim 10
~~or 11~~,
wherein the strain-relief member (174) is implemented for
arrangement in an orifice (170) of the wall (122).

13. (Original) The mini-fan according to claim 12,
wherein the strain-relief member (174) is implemented for
sealed arrangement in the orifice (170) of the wall (122).

14. (Cancelled)

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS:

15. (New) The mini-fan according to claim 2,
wherein the part made of elastomeric material is shaped like
an O-ring (38), and is attached to the periphery of the fan
housing (36).

16. (New) The mini-fan according to claim 2, wherein
the fan housing (136) is equipped on its periphery with a
flange-like protrusion (137), and that flange-like protrusion
(137) is equipped, at least locally, with a covering (138) made
of elastomeric material.

17. (New) The mini-fan according to claim 2, which is shaped for engagement in a recess (24; 124) on whose periphery are provided radially deflecting retaining members (28) for the fan.

18. (New) The mini-fan according to claim 2, which is implemented for installation on a wall in which at least some of the retaining members (128) on the side on which the fan (126) is introduced during installation have an enlarged introduction opening (131).

19. (New) The mini-fan according to claim 2, wherein a portion of the fan (26; 126) protrudes into the recess (24; 124) of the wall after installation of said fan into said recess, and said protruding portion is implemented substantially complementarily to the shape of that recess (24; 124).

20. (New) The mini-fan according to claim 2, further comprising

a strain-relief member (174) which provides strain relief for an electrical connecting cable (166) of the fan (26; 126), and said strain-relief member is coupled to the part made of elastomeric material.

21. (New) In combination,
a wall (22; 122) formed with a recess;
a plurality of retaining members (28; 128, 129),
arranged around a periphery (24; 124) of said recess, and
a mini-fan (26; 126) adapted for installation in said recess (24; 124) of said wall (22; 122), said mini-fan having a housing (36; 136) that, in an installed position, projects with a housing portion (127) approximately complementary to the recess (24; 124) of the wall (22; 122) into the recess (24; 124) of the wall (22; 122),
the mini-fan having at least one part (38; 138) arranged on the periphery of said housing portion and made of an elastomeric material, with which part the fan (26; 126) is introducible, upon its installation with displacement along the wall (22; 122), into the retaining members (28; 128, 129), in order to bring the elastomeric part (38; 138), in the installed position, at least locally into sealing contact against the wall (22; 122).